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LET'S GIVE THE TEACHER A BREAK

Quite recently we were privileged to listen to a speaker who left each member of his audience with several challenging thoughts. The summary of his remarks was that many of us spend a lot of time expounding our theories on God when 'twould be better to stop and ponder a bit on what God thinks

This thought can be aptly applied to many phases of life. Lots of guys talk for hours on the glaring mistakes of The Boss. However, he is still The Boss and the sputtering tongue is still working for him. Many a big opportunity has slipped past us because we were talking when we should have been listening.

There is no better time to think on this than at the beginning of a school year. We look down our noses at the new teacher, size him up by our standards and wonder how many rounds he can last. But what we mistake for a weak jab in September may be a knock-out blow in May.

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Let's be fair, boys, and give the teacher a chance. The story goes that Charles Lamb and a friend were walking down the street when the friend spied another friend. "Let us cross over, Charles," he said, "I want you two to know each other for he's quite a remarkable man." "No," said Charles, "I don't like him." "But," objected the friend, "you don't even know him. If you knew him you would like him." "That's just it," replied Charles Lamb, "I don't want to know him. So long as I don't know him I can enjoy hating him." It could be that some of us are as guilty of an unreasonable prejudice as was Charles Lamb, said, of the country of the countr

as was Charles Lamb.

The teacher is a human being—yea, very human, even as you and I. Maybe he hated being routed from his bed at such an unearthly hour. Maybe he couldn't help being cross because there was no bacon for breakfast. Maybe he had a flat—those dratted new tires weren't worth a tinker's dam. Maybe company came in last night and he felt—well, not as prepared as he would like to be. Maybe he hadn't been able to get close to the M. B. A. boys.

Mr. Webster defines "understand" as follows: "To be thoroughly familiar with the character or underlying nature and propensities of." However trite the saying, it is an established fact that most prejudice, intolerance and even criticism from ignorance—not taking the time or the trouble to understand. This of course is a two-way stretch. There could just possibly be a teacher who has failed to understand a boy.

a boy.

For about two years we have been doing a lot of writing and even more talking on school spirit. But to use Mark Twain's classic remark about the weather—"A great deal has been said about it but very little has ever been done about it." Here, though, the simile stops. Nothing can be done about the weather but each teacher and each boy at M. B. A. can do plenty about this bug-a-boo we call school spirit.

Let's go at this thing from a different angle. Let's know before we think, let's think before we speak and then let's say about half we started out to say.

HOW ABOUT IT FELLOWS?

Class News

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

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eam.
ug (Yankee) Huntley is gradcatching on to the southern

Jackie Duncan missed the first aree weeks' honor roll by 4/5 of a

point. George Smartt was puzzled about which continent he lived in. Could it be Africa, George? Bobby (Walkie-Talkie) Lance must have been vaccinated with a victrola needle. Good advice to him is "Please keep your mouth shut."

FRESHMAN NEWS

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A few weeks ago us (notice anything wrong, Miss McCanless!)
the first arrived to high school for the first arrived to high school for the first arrived to high school for the first arrived to high school boys again. Mr. Sager had high hopes that we wouldn't know how to act that we wouldn't know how to act the other high school boys would work of the first high school boys would some strange boys and some strange boys and some strange boys and teven stranger boys.

We met some strange boys and some strange boys met even strange some strange boys met even strange. The strange strang

down at gym (Wonder who wrote this.)

Two desks slide about the room.

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SOPHOMORE NEWS

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September and October dates
orth remembering:
(Now let's see Friday night
ere was—or was it Saturday?)
Sept. 11—Made goes out for
soite football. Farris airs views.
Sept. 13—Blackard laid up from
othall with broken leg. Condition
mer-uarl beart-rending. Wade
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mris pays off time.
Sept. 18—Paterson has to stay
ter school. She's in a hurry and
it wait. Paterson walks. Farris
ra views. Van Aradell finds
am girl. Keeps every one in
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Sept. 20—Patris ways—first ware.

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Sept. 20—Farris pays off time.

Sept. 23—Tris pays off time.

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auto races.

Sept. 23—Jarman explains,
They blocked my right-of-way."

Sept. 25—Farris airs views.

seventh period Latin not satisfied

sept. 34—Farris airs views.

sept. 35—Farris airs views.

sept. 35—Farris airs views.

Sept. 27—Ernest "Hot Perch"

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sept. 37—Ernest "Hot Perch"

Sept. 30—Wright has insomnia (Continued on Page 4, Column 5.)

THE JUNIOR NEWS

Billy Vaughan is doing a great job as manager of the football team this year. It ought to be a hard task with Bill Rhodes play-ing.

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SENIOR NEWS

The Senior class, consisting of one of last year's Juniors, a few of last year's Juniors, a few of last year's Zeniors, some unsuchase from Webb errs and a windbag from Webb errs and a grain with the seal lange wheet?

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Hank approaches.

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Smile Awhile

By Jimmy Bradford A tooter who tooted the flute, Tried to tutor two tooters to

toot; Said the two to the tooter, "Is it easier to toot, "Or to tutor two tooters to toot?"

Mr. Younger: Speaking of keen-scented animals, the deer in one. Wallace: Fess, a pole-cat is keen-scented, ain't he?

Fess Hackman: I have worked harder this month than I have ever done since I entered M.B.A. The other teachers are complaining

Fess Younger, rapping on deak):
Order, order.
Rankin: Let's see the menu first.
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Tennis Starts Year In Style

Only a week after school got un-der way, the boys of M.B.A. began making use of our fine rubico courts in style. With Mr. Rule in charge of tennis, it seems that M.B.A. will have a grand tenns team. Three members of last year! team are back and are going great

Ehrhart Scores Twice
As M.B.A. Runs
Over Litton

By John Warner
Thirteen proved to be lucky for
Charles as be opened his 13th season
Bill Joe Ehrhart crossed the payline twice in the first half. The
goal line in the first four minutes
of play. After Litton received the
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M.B.A. Smashes
East, 46 - 0
Led by Ehrhart the Big Red
on the roll all night in the go
with the East High Eagles bel
a crowd of approximately.

M.B.A. Romps

West, 24 - 7

Bill Joe Ehrhart led the varsity to a 24 - 7 victory over West High School Friday before last, before a crowd of 4,500. In the opening min-

M.B.A. Smears Hillsboro, 60 - 0 Lead by Ehrhart and 1 Big Red was on the roll night when they ran over boro Burros with a score

Edward McManus Editor

Athletics Get Off To a Good Start

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by his agonised face it is easy

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ALUMNI NEWS Richard Fletcher

Rankin: Two bar-b-q sand-viches, Fess.

Inere's Miss McCanless: Nobody ever heard of a sentence without a pre-dicate. Bill Britian: I have, Miss Mc-

Miss McCanless: What is it? Bill Britain Thirty days.

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